

10. The Government Statist has obtained general reports<sup>69</sup> from the Police covering all the Wheat Areas of the State.

From these it appears that the area under crop for the coming season will not exceed that of last year when the acreage sown for all purposes with Wheat, Barley and Oats was 3,429,256 acre.

There were 84 Wine-makers, 74 making 1,693 gallons and over. In the previous season the acreage sown was restricted. The following are the principal wine districts and owing to heavy rains during the seeding period. This year extra dry weather interfered with seeding. The actual acreage sown is 3,083 (1,11,643) gallons. Burnside, Middle, etc., 1,711 now reaching the Office and will be tabulated at an early date when

it is hoped the earlier reports may be proved to be under-estimated. of wine were made for distillation purposes - brandy and other strong spirits with the splendid rains in August the prospects would

appear to be now favourable for a fair yield of grapes were used yielding an average of 17.32 (17.26) gallons of wine per ton. The Upper North and Western Divisions will not, how-

The Upper North and Western Divisions will not, however, benefit by these rains to any great extent but the other Divisions balance of the recent vintage, totalled 11,275,815 (9,177,866 gallons) will substantially benefit. Consequently with a low yield in the 2,500,000 gallons were reported to be the balance of divisional wine western division and only a fair one in the Upper North, a high average for the State cannot be realised.

The mean Wheat Yield per acre for the State for the previous five seasons was 12 bushels. Even with a continuance of favorable weather conditions, it is not expected that this average could be exceeded. An average of 11½ bushels would yield about